

REMARKS

Claims 11-19 and 48-50 are indicated to be allowable in the Notice of Allowance.

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is submitted in an abundance of caution to have the allowed claims considered in light of additional prior art. Such reference is cited in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement presented herewith.

In addition, there remains prior art which was properly and timely submitted by Applicant but for which Applicant has not received Examiner initialed Form PTO-1449. Such art was submitted in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated May 5, 2004. A copy of the Supplemental IDS with the accompanying Form PTO-1449 is included herewith. It is requested that the Examiner consider these prior art references. Also, the undersigned respectfully requests to be provided with a copy of the Examiner initialed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at (509) 624 4276 on Monday-Friday between 8-5 (PST).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 9/29/06

By: 

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